



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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- **MISSION STATEMENT:**  
“Our Mission is to encourage and promote safe, quality development and construction in the City of Salina.”

- **PME MEETING:** The Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical Contractors meeting is held quarterly in March, June, September and December usually on the **first Wednesday or Thursday** at 7:00 p.m. in Rm. 107 of the City-County Building.

- **UPCOMING BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES:**  
January 12  
February 9  
March 9

BAB Meetings are at 4:00 p.m. in Rm. 107 of the City County Building at 300 W. Ash. These meetings are approved for continuing education credit hours for City of Salina licensed contractors.

#### **Congratulations!**

Ron Deneault recently passed the mechanical plans examiner certification test.

### Chapter 17 Task Force Concludes Review

After several months of discussions, the Chapter 17 Task Force has finished their review of the International Building Code requirements for special inspections and has made their recommendations to the City Commission and the Building Advisory Board. Special inspections are those inspections of types of construction assemblies or methods that require special training to install and inspect particularly of critical structural elements or components. Types of installations requiring special inspections include welding, high strength bolting, driven piles, structural masonry and different kinds of concrete installations.

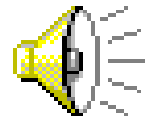
The task force reviewed both the administrative requirements of Chapter 17 as well as the prescriptive requirements related to the different kinds of special inspections. The task force chose to focus on the administrative requirements rather than the prescriptive requirements. They concluded that it was reasonable to amend the administrative portions in such a way as to shift the approval of special inspectors and fabricators from the building department to the designer in charge of the project and to grant to the designer more discretion to modify the prescriptive requirements on a case-by-case basis.

The designer will still be required to submit a statement of special inspections with a building permit application which identifies all of the work that would require special inspection under chapter 17, but the designer has the opportunity to include, in the statement, a description of the specific inspections that may be excluded or modified. If during the plan review the city identifies other work that appears to require special inspections that is not included in the statement, or they question any exclusions or modifications, they can ask the designer to comment on those concerns. If the designer and the city cannot agree on the need to provide special inspections as required by chapter 17, the city at its discretion and expense can hire a third party peer review to offer an opinion regarding the necessity for the inspections in question. At the conclusion of the project, the designer must submit a final report verifying that all of the work requiring special inspections was inspected as required and that the work complied with construction documents and the code.

### Merry Christmas



The Building Advisory Board will review the recommendations from the task force to determine if any further modification is necessary or desired. The board will then include any or all of the recommended amendments from the task force in their recommendations to the City Commission for the adoption of the 2006 International Building Code. The recommendations from the board and the task force would then become effective once the new code is adopted.



## REMINDER-Valuation Data Table

The valuation table currently used by the city to establish valuations for new commercial buildings and additions will be changing effective January 1, 2010. The revised valuation table reflects a moderately higher cost of construction for valuation. This higher valuation amount will have the net effect of slightly raising commercial building permit fees for new commercial buildings and additions. We encourage you to note the new valuations as you are bidding projects for 2010 and trying to determine building permit fees.

This table can be found on our website [www.salina-ks.gov](http://www.salina-ks.gov), click on Departments, Building Services, Fees. For further information please contact Building Services.

## REMINDER: License Renewals and Proof of Continuing Education

Be sure to keep your certificates of attendance for continuing education classes. When you renew your license bring **copies** of those certificates with you. Once the City verifies the continuing education and approves renewal of your license those documents will be scanned and the paper copies will be discarded.

## Some Continuing Education Sources

Kansas Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Assoc., Inc. (KPHCC) [www.kphcc.org](http://www.kphcc.org) 1632 S. West St., Ste 3, Wichita, KS 67213 or call **316-943-7100**

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) [www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org), or call **800-854-2766**

International Code Council (ICC) [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org) or call **1-800-423-6587**

**Johnson County, Kansas** - Johnson County has developed a continuing education program - [www.jocogov.org](http://www.jocogov.org), or call **913-715-2233**

### **American Red Cross**

[www.northcentralkansas.redcross.org](http://www.northcentralkansas.redcross.org)

or call **827-3644** – The Red Cross sponsors CPR or First-Aid courses

**Salina Area Technical School**, call **785-309-3102** for a schedule of classes. Be sure to double check with us to see if the classes are approved.

**Kansas Trane** sponsors and presents continuing education – Most of these courses would be approved by the building official; however **please be sure to check first.** [www.kansastrane.com](http://www.kansastrane.com), or call **316-265-9655**

**Online continuing education** will be considered for continuing education credit, provided the **Building Official has approved the on-line course before you register to take it.**

If you find another conference, seminar or course and would like to know if it qualifies for required continuing education hours, please bring or email detailed information about the course to Building Services. The building official will review the information and let you know if it qualifies for continuing education hours.

**The City of Salina, Building Services staff also plans to present continuing education classes again in 2010. Watch the newsletter and our website for further details on these classes.**

### **REMINDER:**

If your address or phone numbers change please be sure contact the City Clerk's office (785-309-5735) to update that information. We want to be certain that you receive notices about licensing, continuing education and other pertinent information.



## Building Advisory Board Nears Completion of Code Updates

The Board has continued to make good progress in reviewing our various construction codes for update.

The **2005 National Electric Code** with amendments has already been reviewed and recommended for adoption.

The plumbing code subcommittee has concluded their review and made their recommendations to the Board. The Board has recommended adoption of the **2006 Uniform Plumbing Code** with amendments.

The Special Inspection Task Force has completed their review of Chapter 17 of the building code and made their recommendations. The building code subcommittee has concluded their review and made their recommendations to the Board. The Board will review the recommendations of the subcommittee at their December 22 meeting and finalize their recommendations for adoption of the **2006 International Building code** with amendments.

The residential building code subcommittee concluded their review and has made their recommendations to the Board. The Board has completed their review and made their recommendations with the exception of new requirements for basement walls, which are currently undergoing an engineering review. The Board has recommended adoption of the **2006 International Residential Code** along with the other amendments that have been approved unrelated to the basement wall amendments.

The subcommittee reviewing the **2006 Uniform Mechanical Code** should complete their review and have their recommendations ready for the Board's January meeting. If the Board makes their final recommendations regarding the UMC, we would anticipate having a code adoption package ready to take to the City Commission by the end of January.

If the Board cannot review and approve any recommendations from the consulting engineer regarding basement walls in the IRC at the January meeting, staff would then recommend adoption of the 2006 IRC with an amendment to carry forward the current language pertaining to basement walls from the 2003 IRC until the Board finishes their review and recommends a new amendment for adoption.

In February, the Board will review the recommendations from the Fire Marshal regarding local amendments to the 2006 International Fire Code with the intent of moving forward with adoption by the end of the month. If you have any questions about this information please feel free to contact our office. We welcome your input and participation at the Building Advisory Board meetings. Continuing education credit is given for attendance at these meetings.

### 2010 Building Advisory Board Meeting Schedule:

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 15	December 14

If you would like to receive notices of the BAB meetings, go to our website, click on mailing lists and sign up to receive the agenda mailing.



### New Building Official Coming Soon

Mike Roberts submitted his resignation and will be leaving the position of building official for the City of Salina. The search for a new building official has begun with the submittal of 58 applications from across the United States. That field of applicants has been narrowed to 16 applicants from 10 states who were scheduled for phone interviews on December 10 and 11. Personal interviews will be conducted the end of December and final selection will occur in early January. We anticipate the new building official to be on the job in February 2010.

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## Are You Interested?

**Live At Home Solutions** is a new program sponsored by the Saline County Commission on Aging and several other Salina-area organizations. Older and disabled adults can make one call to Live At Home Solutions and be connected with a wide range of services: home health care, housekeeping, meals, home maintenance and repair, and more.

Live At Home Solutions is seeking qualified providers of the following services to be part of its referral network:

- Carpentry Repairs & Renovations
- Painting
- Plumbing Repairs/Replacements
- Electrical Repairs/Changes
- Handyman/Odd Jobs
- Lawn & Yard Care
- Accessibility Modifications (ramps, grab bars, handrails)

If you provide any of these services and would like to learn how you can get referrals from Live At Home Solutions, **please contact Ericka Werling at 785-827-9818 ext. 19** and ask for the Contractor/Handyman application form. You can also download the application form at [www.live-at-home-solutions.com](http://www.live-at-home-solutions.com).

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